Book stalls at railway platforms to unemployed graduates

117. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of book-stalls awarded to the unemployed graduates on newly constructed passenger platforms of each major station in each zone and station-wise during the last three years;

(b) the number of stalls awarded in the circulating area/waiting halls/concourse at each major station in each zone, station-wise, during the last three years; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for providing employment through book-stalls to unemployed graduates at such places as mentioned in (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Such information is not being maintained by the Railways.

(c) As per extant policy, allotment of new bookstalls have been reserved for unemployed graduates, their partnership Firms, Associations, etc. and Co-operative Societies of actual Workers/Vendors.

Pay Phones

118. SHRI V GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce 'Pay Phones'; and

(b) if so, what are the facilities that can be availed of by introducing pay phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A customer can make calls by insertion of suitable coins. In some Pay-phones, STD and even International subscribers dialled calls can be made.

Contracts labour for cleaning and catering in Southern Railway

119. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Central Government to prohibit employment of contract labour for cleaning and catering establishments and pantry cars on Southern Railways; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Southern Railway Administration has been directed by the Supreme Court to refrain from employing contract labour for cleaning work in Catering Establishments and pantry cars till the time the Central Government examines the matter and takes appropriate action under Section 10 of Contract Labour (Abolition and Regulation) Act within six months.

(b) The contracts for cleaning in catering establishments/pantry cars have been terminated by Southern Railway, and the labour are now working under departmental supervision.

Proposal for Statutory Medical bodies

120. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring under one roof all statutory medical bodies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a move and what steps have been taken in this regard?